

News Briefs

compiled by Addie Tschamler

•Michael Jordan, former NBA star, hosted a luncheon in Charlotte Monday sponsored by his charitable foundation that raises money for needy children. Originally based in Chicago, the organization recently expanded its presence in the Carolinas. The Michael Jordan Foundation donates money to charities such as the North Carolina Cities in Schools, the Boys' and Girls' Clubs and Livingstone College, a historically black school in Salisbury.

•A toddler in Jackson, Miss. accidentally tripped an anti-crime motion detector in his living room and was shot to death by his stepmother, who told police she mistook the three-year-old for a burglar. Jonathan Hicks' death was ruled an accident.

•Robert Palmer, a Whitewater figure, pleaded guilty Monday to falsifying appraisals of real estate projects financed by a Little Rock savings and loan whose owner had financial ties to President Clinton.

•The storage facility for NC State's university-generated hazardous waste replaced a chicken coop where several environmental violations were found two years ago. The university decided to build the new Environmental Health and Safety Center off Sullivan Drive after violations were discovered at the converted chicken barn where for years NCSU stored hazardous waste.

Aqua Angels make a splash into the holidays

by Clarky Lucas

The Aqua Angels brought Christmas cheer to a packed audience during their holiday performance Hark the Herald Angels Swim last week.

The swimmers presented five routines to a variety of Christmas music Wed., Nov. 30, at 6 p.m.

"I had a great time. It was a different way to start the Christmas season," said Molly Shepherd, junior.

Before each performance in front of the Christmas Card setting, the swimmers sent out Christmas wishes of peace, hope, love and joy to the audience.

Jennifer Collins and Nina Crawford were the first to jump in and get the program started. They rocked the pool with presentation set to Christmas songs like "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" by Ronnie Spector and Darlene Love and "Please Come Home for Christmas" sung by Jon Bon Jovi.

Jennifer Allen, Amy Fisher and Michelle DeGruy made waves with their routine to old favorites like Gene Autry's "Here Comes Santa Claus" and Eartha Kitt's "Santa Baby."

JoAnna Grubbs and Perri Sutton made a big splash with their performance to John Cougar Mellencamp's "I saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus."

"After weeks of preparation, JoAnna and I were thrilled that the performance was such a great success," Sutton said.

Lisa Bond, Ali Sindelir and Carol White had the audience wishing for a white Christmas as they swam to "Sleigh Ride" by Amy Grant and Randy Travis' "Jingle Bell Rock."

To wrap up the program, Crystal McLamb glided through the water accompanied by Sting's "Gabriel's Message" and Bob Seger's "The Little Drummer Boy."

Marie Archambault who helped to choreograph this piece was unable to swim in the program due to illness.

All of the Aqua Angels who performed in the synchronized swimming presentation assisted in choreographing their routines.

The swimmers wore holiday bath-

ing suits in Christmas colors that complimented their individual performances.

"I thought the music they chose and the suits they wore helped to get the audience in the Christmas spirit," said Megan Schmidt.

The Aqua Angels began preparing for this program the first week of school. They divided into groups and picked out the music for the performance. The swimmers spent three hours a week practicing skills and working on the choreography for the routines.

"I was very pleased with the variety of choreography and exceptionally pleased with the attendance of students and family," said Aqua Angels Advisor Carol Brown.

The Aqua Angels are planning another performance in the spring.

Herald Holiday Safety Tips:


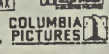
- 10) Don't accept a free ticket on US Air.
- 9) Don't let grandma drink the spiked eggnog.
- 8) Don't sit on Santa's lap if his "Ho Ho Hos" seem too jolly.
- 7) It is not wise to ice the roof. The reindeer union will sue!
- 6) Never approach an elf with sunglasses.
- 5) Don't leave Snackwell's cookies out for Santa...I heard those ladies have guns.
- 4) Don't send fruitcake to Thad (He'll serve it in the Dining Hall).
- 3) Look out for the plug when you water your tree.
- 2) Watch out for the Grinch. He's loose on campus, and he's got a badge.
- 1) Don't forget to fasten your stocking.

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